



**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the final Office Action dated September 12, 2003, in the above-referenced patent application. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time to make this reply timely.

REMARKS

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-14, 16-26 and 28 is noted, with appreciation.

Claims 1-3, 15 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Ashworth (US 3,509,282), newly cited. Applicants traverse this rejection, and respectfully request reconsideration, for at least the following reasons.

The Examiner regards sounding board 4 and transducer 5 as a sound source; and regards the sound chamber 6 and the opening 7 in sounding board 3 as a wave guide. The Examiner asserts that the opening 7 is a wave guide section of substantially uniform cross-section.